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SUBJ: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO ROME--BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON
ALESSANDRO PERTINI

1. ALESSANDRO PERTINI, A VETERAN SOCIALIST, WAS ELECTED SEVENTH PRESIDENT OF ITALY ON JULY 8. HE WAS BORN AT STELLA, IN THE AREA OF GENOA, ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1896 AND GRADUATED CUM LAUDE IN LAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GENOA IN 1921 AND IN POLITICAL ECONOMY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE IN 1922. HE JOINED THE SOCIALIST PARTY WHILE STILL A STUDENT AND BECAME AN OPPONENT OF THE FASCIST STATE FROM ITS INCEPTION. HIS LIFE FROM THEN UNTIL THE END OF THE WAR IN 1945 READ LIKE A DUMAS NOVEL. HE WAS ARRESTED SEVERAL TIMES BY FASCIST AUTHORITIES, MADE SEVERAL ESCAPES, LIVED FOR A TIME IN FRANCE AND RETURNED TO ITALY IN 1929 WHEN HE WAS DISCOVERED AND JAILED FOR 15 YEARS. NEAR THE END OF THE WAR HE WAS SEIZED BY THE GERMAN SS BUT ESCAPED FROM PRISON IN ROME JUST BEFORE HE WAS TO BE SHOT.

2. FOLLOWING THE WAR PERTINI WAS ACTIVE IN THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND THOUGH HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR MANY YEARS, HE NEVER HELD HIGH PARTY OFFICE. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY WHICH DRAFTED THE ITALIAN CONSTITUTION IN 1947 AND HAS
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BEEN A MEMBER OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1948. HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES, THE THIRD RANKING POSITION IN THE ITALIAN STATE, IN JUNE 1968. HE SERVED CREDITABLY IN THAT POSITION UNTIL 1976. THEREAFTER, HE RETAINED A SEAT IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES BUT WAS NO LONGER POLITICALLY ACTIVE.

3. PERTINI IS NOTED FOR HIS DEVOTION TO HIS SOCIALIST IDEALS AND FOR HIS COURAGE, OUTSPOKENNESS AND DIGNITY. HE IS A SYMBOL OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. HE HAS BROAD CULTURAL INTERESTS, INCLUDING THE AVANT-GARDE IN PAINTING, MUSIC AND THEATER. HE HAS TRAVELLED LITTLE OUTSIDE ITALY ALTHOUGH HE FREQUENTLY VISITS FRANCE AND SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY. HE HAS NEVER VISITED THE UNITED STATES AND THOUGH IT IS SAID THAT HE CAN READ ENGLISH WITH SOME DIFFICULTY, HE NEITHER SPEAKS NOR UNDERSTANDS IT. HE MET HIS WIFE, CARLA, IN THE RESISTANCE. AT THE AGE OF 51 MRS. PERTINI RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY AND TOOK A DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY. SHE NOW WORKS AT A ROME HOSPITAL ASSISTING DRUG ADDICTS. THE PAERTINI'S HAVE NO CHILDREN.GARDNER

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